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# FAMILY LISTING

A photolisting of approved North Carolina families interested in adopting North Carolina's waiting children

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#### Dear Adoption Advocate:

This is the most recent edition of the NC Kids Family Listing. These families are interested in adopting children with special needs and have been approved for placement. Please review to determine if any of these families might be a suitable placement resource for children in the custody of your agency. If you think one of these families might be a potential match for one of your children, please call NC Kids at the above number (or download additional copies from http://www.state.nc.us/dss/proinfo/cw.htm). NC Kids has copies of each family's preplacement assessment and would be happy to send you a copy. We are available from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

It is our hope that when new families are approved to adopt, you will complete the Family Registration Form (DSS-1821) and send it along with a photograph and a copy of the family's preplacement assessment to the address above so they can be added to the Family Listing. We believe that this is a valuable resource in assisting the children of North Carolina in finding a permanent family.

Feel free to circulate this list to all adoption social workers. The Family Listing is updated monthly and can be found at http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dss/proinfo/cw.htm.

If you have questions or information to share, please feel free to contact us at 877-625-4371.

Sincerely, Beverley Smith NC Kids Director

# NC KIDS FEATURED FAMILY OF THE MONTH

# Meet the Spano Family...



SPANO Couple 060-26311 Caucasian

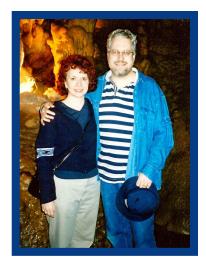
Chris and Pam and their three biological daughters hope to make their family "tighter and stronger" by adopting a Caucasian boy between four and ten years of age. Because of Pam's background in special education, the Spanos feel comfortable adopting a child with mild to moderate learning challenges. They are open to minor, correctable medical conditions, or mild behavioral or emotional challenges, but because of their active lifestyle, they feel best equipped to parent a child healthy enough to participate with them. The Spanos have appropriate expectations regarding the bonding and adjustment process for all family members and are prepared to provide the structure and support needed.



## BREY/WARD 026-25443

## Couple Caucasian

Steven Brey and Lynda Ward are a highly intelligent, energetic couple. They are both Methodist ministers who are open to insights from other religions. Steven is the pastor at a large nearby church that they attend. Steven and Lynda feel that they have been blessed and would like to share their blessings with a child. They offer security, loyalty, a loving home, and an environment where they can explore who they are and consider opportunities while knowing they have someone to support them if they make mistakes. They share their home with five indoor de-clawed cats and a hamster, and are ready to include a child.



#### BROOKS 090-26393

#### Couple African American

Aaron and Sara Brooks have plenty of experience with children, through both adoption and birth. Their 14-year-old adopted son's special needs have been a challenge, but they are resourceful in getting what is best for the boy. The Brooks' are open to mild physical and/or moderate emotional and learning challenges. They are open to developmental delays, but do expect the child to be able to live independently as an adult. Their birth son and extended family are aware and supportive of their wish to adopt as many as four children of any sex or ethnicity, with the oldest being a girl up to the age of 16. They hope to share their love of being outdoors, going to flea markets, having barbecues, swimming, and going to the duck pond with the new members of their family.

## BURTON 032-25074

Single Caucasian

Bill Burton would like to adopt one to three Caucasian boys up to the age of eleven. He prefers healthy children or correctable health conditions, and will consider up to moderate emotional or learning challenges. Bill loves being around children and has a wealth of experience through his education and teaching that will greatly aid his parenting. He feels he is in a good place in his life, secure in his profession and comfortable with his support systems and that it is a good time to pursue his dream of being a parent.







#### BUTNER 041-25230

Couple Caucasian

The Butner family is blessed with three daughters and now, with one away at college, would like to adopt another one or two children. Vickie and Joey hope to adopt a Caucasian boy and/or girl between four and nine years of age. They are open to children with mild physical or learning challenges and up to moderate emotional challenges. The Butners enjoy church activities, travel, and finding treasures at auctions and flea markets. They have a dog, three cats, and fish in their home.

#### CASTRO 076-18916

Single Caucasian

Angel Castro always wanted to move to the United States, so five years ago he left his home and family in Venezuela and moved to North Carolina. He is a school teacher and prepared to foster-to-adopt and love a Caucasian or Hispanic boy or girl up to the age of ten. Angel is open to children with mild to moderate special needs, but as a single parent, he does not feel he could adequately parent a child with severe special needs. He enjoys taking walks, going to the park, and watching movies. His faith is very important to Angel and he will encourage his adoptive child to attend church. Angel's family in Venezuela is very supportive of him adopting a child.



COBB 050-24422 Single Caucasian

Jill Cobb would like to adopt a Caucasian boy or girl, or possible sibling group of two, between the ages of six and thirteen. Being a paramedic, Jill has some experience and the understanding of trauma, neglect, domestic violence, and substance abuse and the impact they can have on a child. She is currently enrolled in nursing school and combined with being a single parent, does not believe she can adequately parent a child with serious medical issues. Jill feels she can handle a multitude of minor issues such as allergies, asthma, hyperactivity, or minor hearing or visual impairments. She wants more than anything to take things slowly and allow the adoption experience to be a positive one, both for herself and her adoptive child.





## CRABTREE 016-19182

## Couple Caucasian

Dean and Cathy are licensed foster parents who would like to foster-to-adopt from one to four siblings between birth and ten years of age. They are open to a variety of mixed ethnicities and genders. They feel capable of successfully parenting children with mild physical, learning, or mental retardation challenges and possibly moderate emotional challenges. The Crabtree's have two grown birth daughters in college, so they have parenting experience. Young children without severe behavioral concerns are most likely to find safety, consistency, and stability within the Crabtree family's quiet, home-oriented and strict lifestyle. Cathy is a piano teacher who works at home and Dean has recently loosened his work schedule to allow for more time with the children. This is a family that is a "package deal" for all of their foster children and will be so for their adoptive kids, which includes their extended family (Cathy's parents are right next door!) and friends.

## DANIELS 074-23855

## Couple Caucasian

Michael and Jennifer, who goes by "Lynn", Daniels would like to increase their family by welcoming in a younger brother or sister for their six-year-old birth daughter. The Daniels family hopes to adopt one child of either sex, from birth to five years of age. They would like a Caucasian child, but are open to Asian or a biracial mix of Caucasian/Asian or Caucasian/Hispanic. They are open to a child with no or mild emotional or learning challenges.



## ELLINGTON 091-22894

#### Couple Caucasian

Stephen and Rachel Ellington would like to adopt one or two Caucasian boys or girls (prefer same sex) between birth and nine years of age. They are open to children with mild physical, emotional, or learning challenges. The Ellingtons have experience with some special needs through their birth daughter, who is diagnosed with Attention Deficit Disorder. Medication and patience help her stay focused and maintain acceptable behavior. Rachel Ellington is also a Guardian ad Litem and aware of what they can expect from adopting children through the foster care system. The Ellingtons are licensed foster parents. They enjoy spending time together during meals, vacations, and on weekends. Stephen's mother lives next door and is available to provide child care.



## FOX Couple 036-25808 Caucasian

William, who goes by "Curtis," and Patricia Fox have three birth sons and wish to add a Caucasian daughter to their family. The prefer a child between birth and ten-years-old. The Fox's have experience with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder with one of their sons, as well as a hereditary partial hearing loss in all three sons. They believe they can deal with most special needs issues except cruelty to animals, sexually abused, or severely mentally or physically handicapped. The Fox family enjoys spending time together on their "Fox family game nights" and "movie nights", as well as outdoor activities. They are involved in their church activities and feel that faith plays an important role in their lives.





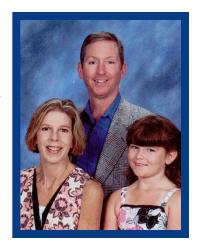
GREENE 014-26248

Couple Caucasian

Lisa and Gregory Dean enjoy spending time as a family with their 16 year old birth daughter, Megan. Megan is a terrific athlete and her parents are very supportive of her team sports. The Dean family would like to adopt a Caucasian male between four and eight years of age as a younger brother for Megan. They are open to mild physical, emotional or learning challenges.

HELM Couple 060-23937 Caucasian

David and Kathy Helm, along with their birth daughter Catherine, hope to add to their family by adopting a legally free boy or sibling group of a male and female from birth to age six. They are open to children of Caucasian, Hispanic, African American, Native American, or biracial ethnicities with minor correctable medical disabilities or mild-to-moderate emotional needs. The Helm family lives near parks and recreation areas and a neighborhood swimming pool. They are very involved with church youth groups and Catherine's school activities. David and Kathy have realistic expectations about the bonding process and adjustment period following placement.







#### HIGHSMITH 041-15218

#### Single African American

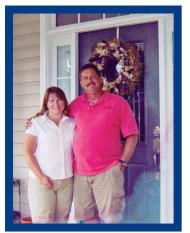
You might say that Gail Highsmith has parenting experience to the max, considering she has raised five birth children and adopted one child. She was also a Guardian ad Litem at one time. Gail is hoping to adopt up to three more children between birth and thirteen years old. Having experienced some special needs through her adopted daughter that include learning challenges, grief/loss issues, PTSD, and lack of social skills, Gail is willing to considering children with these issues or others. She is not prepared for children with sexual reactivity or attachment disorder. Her adopted daughter says Gail is fair and when the work is done, she likes to have fun.

## HOLT 060-3531

#### Couple Caucasian

Kenneth and Cameon Holt do not come to adoption without experience. With their oldest child (of three adopted) grown and enlisting in the army, the Holts are ready and eager to adopt another child of any gender or ethnicity between six and twelve years of age. They prefer a healthy child, but are prepared to accept a child with manageable medical or mental health needs. Cameon is a stay-at-home mom who will be home-schooling the children so they can be raised with a Christian education. As a family, they enjoy activities together, being outdoors, and taking a yearly vacation.





#### IRWIN 092-18954

#### Couple Caucasian

Bob and Laura Irwin have first hand adoption experience, as Laura was adopted at the age of two and Bob was adopted soon after his birth. They are both committed to seeing that their child has every available support in order to make the adoption successful. The Irwins will consider a Caucasian sibling group of up to two children, or a single child, between birth and six years of age. They are open to adopting children with mild to moderate behavioral and emotional needs. Bob and Laura enjoy animals, especially their Akita "Georgie", who is playful, well behaved, and very good with children. They also enjoy swimming, camping, boating, and fishing, and taking trips to the beach and mountains.



#### JONES 080-23859

## Couple Caucasian

Mike and Gina Jones are that couple who are so welcoming and relaxed that you immediately feel at home. This even applies to the social workers who, when making visits to their foster children, stay longer than necessary because they enjoy the couple so much. Mike and Gina are licensed foster parents, so they have experience with the special needs of children in foster care. They hope to adopt a Caucasian boy or girl or sibling group of two children, between birth and six years of age. The Jones' are open to children with mild emotional or learning challenges.





LAUGHREY 042-23964

Single Caucasian

Kimberly Laughrey would like to adopt as many as two children between birth and four years of age. She is open to several ethnicities and possibly mild physical, emotional, or learning challenges. Ms. Laughrey works from home, so she will have more time to spend with her child. She is very family oriented and considers her parents her best friends.

#### LITTLE 018-16152

Couple Caucasian

Walter, or "Ryan" as he prefers to be called, and Christina Little are interested in adopting one child from age five to eleven. They will consider a Caucasian, Asian, Indian, Hispanic, or any combination of Caucasian/biracial child. The Littles' prefer a female child, but will consider a male. They are open to moderate physical, emotional, or learning challenges. Ryan and Christina enjoy sharing activities such as attending church, camping, hiking, water skiing, and watching movies. Ryan plays the piano and Christina sings. Ryan is a licensed pilot and Christina enjoys crafts, swimming, and exercising.





#### LOTT 043-23106

## Couple Caucasian

Mark and Sarah Lott are interested in foster-to-adopt a Caucasian/Hispanic girl between birth and fifteen years of age. They prefer a healthy child with no more than mild special needs. Both Mark and Sarah have experience as teachers and Sarah currently homeschools their birth daughter. Sarah understands that homeschooling might not be appropriate for some children in care and will adapt. Sarah enjoys singing in the church choir, scrap booking, cooking, and socializing. Mark enjoys gardening, computer games, and fishing. Their nine-year-old daughter likes to play with Barbies, hike, ride her bike, and play with friends.





MANN 026-25526

#### Couple African American

Anthony and Gloria Mann and their children are a loving close-knit family who desire to add more happiness to their family. They would like to adopt a child or a sibling group of two between birth and eight years of age. There are no gender preferences, but they do prefer an African American or bi- racial child with no more than mild physical, mental, emotional, or learning challenges. The Mann's enjoy family outings such as attending church and taking trips. They also enjoy watching television and conversational time.

#### MATHER 019-25481

#### Couple Caucasian

Cliff and Linda Mather feel blessed to have three healthy and loving birth children and are interested in adopting up to two siblings of any race or gender. They believe that adopting a child or children of any race with enrich their lives and bring a positive new dimension to their family. The Mather's prefer to adopt children as young as possible, but are open to children up to seven years of age. They are prepared to handle mild special needs, but feel best equipped to parent healthy children. Cliff and Linda are fully prepared to provide the child with all appropriate resources, should any medical or developmental needs arise. The Mather's relocated to North Carolina from California to establish a less stressful and hectic lifestyle. They are devoted to their children and live a very family-centered lifestyle.







#### MCNEILL 026-17157

#### Couple African American

Roscoe and Maggie McNeill are a lively and active couple. Roscoe works full time during the day, while Maggie works part-time and will be at home to raise their adoptive child. They have parenting experience with one adult child with disabilities who lives next door, and one child with no special needs. Roscoe and Maggie believe they have a lot to offer a child with mild mental, emotional, or medical needs. They hope to adopt a girl of any racial heritage between birth and age six.

MORRIS 098-23949 Single Caucasian

Ginger Morris would like to adopt a Caucasian boy or girl between birth and five years old. She is open to mild physical, emotional, or learning challenges. Ginger understands the needs of children in care through her MAPP training class. She has experienced loss in her own life, so Ginger feels she has a better understanding of the necessary resources needed to help meet the needs of potential children placed in her home.





NORBER*G* 090-20002

Couple Caucasian

Ken and Andrea Norberg are foster parents who would like to adopt up to three Caucasian, Hispanic, Asian, or biracial children from birth to age six. They are open to legal risk placements and will consider older children on an individual basis. They feel capable of parenting children with mild physical, emotional, or learning challenges. Ken and Andrea are a vivacious couple whose comforting personalities make a stranger feel at ease and welcome in their home. Both are active in their church and church choir and enjoy politics, traveling, gardening, computers, and animals. The Norberg's raise honeybees and have a cat. They have many friends and enjoy socializing and spending time with family and friends.





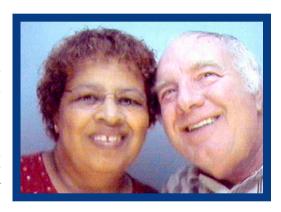
#### OWENS 039-22865

#### Couple Caucasian

Chris and Wendy Owens are a happy couple who enjoy fishing, swimming, and playing with their dogs. They are lovable, outgoing, and funloving and would like to adopt a boy or girl of any ethnicity between birth and ten years of age. Wendy has experience fostering and has been her church's youth director for 10-18 year olds for the past year. They are licensed and prepared for a legal risk or foster-to-adopt child with mild to moderate challenges.

# PARTIN Couple 019-13604 African American & Caucasian

Elbert and Lynda Partin have each raised two daughters, both now grown with their own families. They would like to adopt a school-aged girl between eight and seventeen years of age. They have no ethnic preferences, but feel they are qualified and eager to adopt a biracial child with very mild challenges. The Partins live on a small farm with lots of animals, including one cat, some fish, and two birds indoors, and goats, turkeys, chickens, roosters and other birds outdoors. The family loves to travel and looks forward to sharing their time-shares with their new family member.



#### PERKINSON 042-19500

Couple Caucasian

Tammy and William Perkinson have experienced adopting one child with special needs and hope to adopt a little sister or brother for him. They are open to a variety of ethnic backgrounds and up to mild physical, emotional, or learning challenges. The Perkinson's are familiar with available resources and how they benefit special needs children. Tammy is a registered psychiatric nurse at a local hospital and has experience with behavior problems. The Perkinson's are a caring, loving, and nurturing family and are recommended to adopt another child.



# PERO Couple 045-24850 Caucasian

Herb and Linda Pero wish to adopt a newborn up to age four set of twins or sibling group of Caucasian, Asian, or Native American heritage. They are extremely capable of rearing children with special needs due to alcohol and/or drug exposure or with mild physical or mental disabilities. Linda is a registered nurse who works with physically and mentally challenged children. Herb has volunteered enough hours in rewiring damaged homes from flooding that he is able to apply for a North Carolina electrician's license.





PIERCE 091-23724

Couple African American

Alicia and Charles are a fun, happy, and hard-working couple hoping to adopt up to five children between birth and ten years of age. They have no preference for race or gender and feel confident in nurturing and raising children with up to moderate challenges in any category. Alicia has some experience as the birth child of a foster parent. Her mother fostered children for many years and they still keep in touch with all of them. They are licensed foster parents and would like to foster-to-adopt.

POLAND Couple 041-22686 Caucasian

West and Martha Poland are a strong faith-based family who believe that through their life's experiences they will be able to provide a loving home to children in need. They are not, however, without a sense of fun or humor. "My husband and I are a lot of fun and are just a cool couple. We love to laugh and enjoy life," quotes Martha. The Poland's hope to adopt a sibling group of two Caucasian boys (will consider girls) between birth and six years of age. They are open to up to moderate physical, emotional, or learning challenges. Upon the finalized adoption, Martha intends to become a stay-at-home mom and, having been a school teacher, she will home school the children.







#### PRESLAR 062-23141

Couple Caucasian

Brian and Donna Preslar are interested in a legal risk placement and adopting a male or female child between birth and six years. They will consider a sibling group. They prefer a Caucasian child and are open to mild physical and/or emotional challenges. Their birth son is also looking forward to having a brother or sister. The Preslars are a wonderful family with a solid marriage. Brian and Donna are competent, hardworking, and extremely motivated. They have a beautiful home and the resources that will allow them to provide a wholesome and loving atmosphere. They also realistic ideas about raising children and have expressed positive ways of disciplining them.

#### PROWKER 034-25577

#### Couple Caucasian

Rodrick and Lavonne Prowker believe that their inability to have birth children means that God intended for them to build their family in a different way. They are a loving and supportive couple who are very anxious to open their hearts and home to children in need. They have a tremendous amount of experience caring for children in their families and are completely prepared to advocate for the needs of children they adopt. The Prowkers would like to adopt a child or sibling group up to three of any race. They prefer a child under the age of ten with up to moderate physical, emotional, or learning challenges. However, they are open to a low-maintenance teenager up to eighteen years of age, if a placement is needed.





#### QUEEN 076-21222

#### Couple Caucasian

The Queen family decided as a unit to adopt a child or children. They have a strong support system in their church family and biological family. Bret and Angela, along with their birth children Jade and Alex, hope to adopt up to four children between two and twelve years of age. They have no preference for race or gender and are open to mild physical and up to moderate emotional or learning challenges. Music is very important to the Queens who have a Christian rock group called "Thyrst". They play at various churches, festivals, and events about twice a month. Angela gives voice lessons and daughter Jade teaches dance to young children. Bret and Alex are usually wrapped up in playing ball.



## RAMEY 064-13345

#### Couple Caucasian

Michael and Tara are a young couple with a heartfelt desire to help children in need. They are willing to foster-to-adopt one or two children younger than their two and half-year-old twins. They are accepting of Caucasian or Caucasian/biracial children with mild medical, physical, emotional, or learning special needs. Tara's experience as a nanny to triplets and quadruplets should come in very handy.



#### RODRIGUEZ 042-26337

Couple Hispanic/Caucasian

David and Kimberly Rodriguez would like to adopt two or three children of any gender or ethnicity between birth and five years of age. They are open to children with mild physical challenges or up to moderate emotional, learning, or mental challenges. David enjoys music and fixing things around the house, while Kimberly likes to read, work, and play video games. They love the idea of finally being able to adopt and raise a child as their own and feel they can provide a child with a good, stable environment.

#### SHAW 026-13097

## Couple Caucasian & African American

William and Constance Shaw are a loving, open-minded couple who would like to adopt up to four children from birth to age ten. They have no real preference for gender or race, but they would like to adopt a biracial Caucasian/African American child if available. The Shaw's fostered a child with fairly severe mental, physical, and developmental challenges. They feel they are prepared and able to adopt children with up to moderate physical, emotional, learning, or mental retardation challenges. The Shaw's enjoy going to the mountains, the beach, and panning for gold. They also enjoy sharing time with friends.







SIMPSON 049-16785

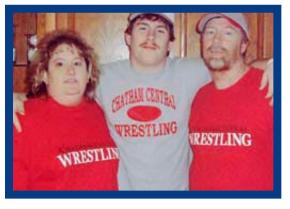
Rosemary and her birth daughter, Savannah, are looking forward to adopting a sister for Savannah between two and nine years old. Rosemary is a licensed foster parent and prefers a foster-to-adopt child of Caucasian, Hispanic, Asian, or Native American descent. She is open to a child with up to moderate emotional or learning challenges. Savannah would like to introduce her new sister to the joys of acrobatics, acting, and Girl Scouts.

## SMITH 091-16043

Couple African American

Charles and Lucy Smith have ten biological and 4 adopted children between them. They enjoy raising children and have always had many children in their home. Their most recent adopted son, a foster child, and their grandson are currently the only children still at home. Charles and Lucy are interested in adopting one or two boys of any race or cultural background between twelve and eighteen years of age. They are open to children with mild physical or mental retardation challenges and up to moderate emotional or learning challenges.





TEAGUE 019-17082 Couple Caucasian

Single

Caucasian

Having parented young Cody all of his sixteen years, James and Tracy Teague feel they have the time, experience, resources, and commitment to adopt a school-aged Caucasian boy or girl, five to twelve years old. The Teagues are an open, loving, happy, fun Christian family and would like to welcome a child with minimal challenges, although they are willing to discuss children on an individual basis.



#### WILLIAMS 066-14367

#### Single African American

Pamela Williams is a friendly woman with a bubbly personality and a pleasant disposition. She is a licensed foster parent who has experience with behavioral issues, the sexually abused, emotional issues, etc. She is more than willing to learn about a child's specific special needs and to receive any training necessary to provide the best possible care for the child. Ms. Williams would prefer a healthy child, but she is accepting of some social and behavioral challenges, as well as some learning disabilities. She hopes to adopt a sibling group of two children of any race from infancy to six years. Pamela Williams has a sincere desire to help others and longs to open her heart and home to a child or sibling group.



## WINKLEY 063-23395

Couple Caucasian

James and Jeannine Winkley have three birth children and one adopted child and would like to add a sibling group of two to four more children up to eight years old to their happy home. As their adopted daughter is Hispanic and they would like to have a blended family and would prefer Hispanic children, but are open to other ethnicities. Jeannine home-schools the children and takes them to their various dance classes, gymnastics, and other activities. They are realistic about children that may have special needs and are open to mild learning or physical and/or moderate emotional challenges.

## WINNER 064-24828

Couple Caucasian

Jeremy and Heather both have a deep faith in God and both agree that it has helped them through some trying times. They are a warm, friendly, and loving couple who would like to adopt or foster-to-adopt a Caucasian child between birth and age five, or a sibling group of two children. They are willing to consider mild physical or emotional challenges and up to moderate learning challenges. Being one of fourteen siblings, Jeremy knows how to keep his cool and carries that into his career of being a police officer. Working with kindergarten children in school makes Heather very happy and she thrills at the transformation of what they have learned as they move up to first grade. Jeremy and Heather are two very special people, as befit the titles, "Officer of the Year" and "Teacher Assistant of the Year". That's a very special couple.





#### WOODARD 064-24857

## Couple African American

James and Mabel complement each other wonderfully and exhibit a calmness reflective of over twenty years of marriage. James is quite a "joker" and can quickly engage anyone in conversation with his endless questions. He loves to sing and doesn't care whether he's in the church choir or at home alone, he will sing. Mabel is a quiet, loving woman with a smile that lights up her face and eyes when she hears James mention family ties. The Woodard's are incredibly loving people with five years experience as foster parents and one adopted son. James is at home during the day and always available for the children. They would like to foster-to-adopt a girl of any ethnicity between birth and seven years of age. They are open to mild emotional, physical, learning, or mental retardation challenges.





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